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I think the comments regarding integrated resource management and partnerships are worthy of much more discussion. As one of the stakeholder group members pointed out: no single state or federal agency has the responsibility or authority to carry out most resource management single-handedly. We need to focus on integration of roles among agencies.

Thus, I see an increasing role for partnerships among state and federal agencies. One outcome of the strategic vision process could be to clarify the role the Department plays in resource management and regulation in the context of the other state and federal agencies. Along those lines I appreciated the suggestion that agencies work together to find a way for a "harmonized" state-federal permitting system. Such a system would not only benefit permittees but also reduce costs for the Department.

I also wanted to point out a couple of BLM-Department of Fish and Game land management partnerships on the North Coast that have worked well. The Headwaters Forest Reserve is co-managed by BLM and DFG with the federal government actually owning the land and DFG designated as co-managers. The Mike Thompson Wildlife Area South Spit Humboldt Bay is owned by the state but co-managed by the BLM and DFG. One stakeholder group member stated that DFG lacked the resources to properly manage its lands. There may be more opportunities for partnerships in the future.